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- (1) European Patent Document 0 955 389, published November 10, 1999. Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.

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- (2) German Patent Document 195 45 005, published June 5, 1997.
Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.
- (3) Japanese Patent Document 08269672, published October 15, 1996. This reference evaluates the characteristics of a thermally sprayed film without sampling the sectional structure of this thermally sprayed film.
- (4) German Patent Document 34 35 748, published April 10, 1986.
Although the reference is in the German language, the drawings are believed to be clear.
- (5) Japanese Patent Document 06236793, published August 23, 1994. This reference provides a thermal spray heating element having high resistivity by using an inexpensive and easily available conductive material.
- (6) Japanese Patent Document 08225911, published September 3, 1996. This reference forms a dense film high in adhesion and also low in electric resistance by forming a magnetite film having a specified thickness on the surface of a Ti.base material by a plasma spraying.

(7) German Patent Document 2 206 220, published August 23, 1973. No U.S. equivalents are known.


The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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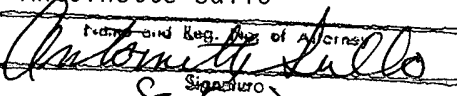
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